

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION

SALEM, CONNECTICUT

MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2009

Present

Bob Appleby Peter Lee
Rich Cirillo Pam Henry
Sue Spang/Chairperson
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Jim Burke Al Giansanti
Kim Bingham Joe Dalton

Guests

Don Bordeau
See Attached List

Call to order:

Chair person Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:37pm.

1. Minutes:

M/S/C (Henry/Appleby) to approve September minutes. Vote: Unanimous

S. Spang requested changes to September minutes from K. Bingham for the following:

Don Bourdeau Report – page 2 “Discussion took place concerning a board for the tennis courts.” should read “Discussion took place concerning a backboard for the tennis courts.”

New Business – page 2 a. Elections: “Nominations for Sue Spang to continue as Chairperson and Rich Cirillo as Secretary were nominated for their continuing positions.” should read “Nominations for Sue Spang to continue as Chairperson and Rich Cirillo as Secretary were voted in for their continuing positions.”

e. Wednesday Folder – page 3 “Only 25% of parents have signed up to received the information via the school website.” should read “Only 25% of parents have signed up to receive the information via the website.

M/S/C (Henry/Appleby) to approve the September Minutes as amended. Vote: Unanimous

2. Treasurer’s Report:

M/S/C (Cirillo/Henry) to approve Treasurer’s Report as presented. Vote: All approved.

3. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence:

Don Bordeau Report:

The water to the snack stand will be turned off November 7.

Don mentioned he thought it would be a good idea to have signs stating the different recreation complex names in town.

The multi-purpose path is being worked on. The width of the path is 10' and completion is done from the parking lot on Music Vale to the 2nd crossing.

4. Additions and Revisions:

S. Spang added "b. Winter Basketball" and "c. Concession Stand" to New Business. Other items will move accordingly.

M/S/C (Henry/Appleby) to add "b. Winter Basketball and c. Concession Stand" to new business.

Vote: Unanimous

5. New Business:

a. Skate Park

A presentation from residents Conner O'Toole, Will Butler and Jeremy Luck was given on the idea of a skate board park being built in Salem. They presented ideas of how the park would benefit the town and the residents. (See file copy). They stated the park could also be used by bike, rollerblade, etc. The size of the park would depend on the location. Different locations were discussed by the Commission members. The use of concrete ramps versus metal or wood ramps was discussed. It was the consensus of the commission the residents who are interested in the park look into more realistic pricing, \$60,000 was a low figure; it did not take into account site/engineering work that would have to be done. Funding for the project could be done through fundraisers and sponsors. The Commission expressed more research needs to be done by the residents before presenting the idea to any other commissions.

b. Winter Basketball

Art Christen asked about basket ball program for 9 to 12 grade students. Court time would be needed for Saturday practice and Sunday 10am to 12pm game time. The commission stated registration would need to be done, along with background checks for coaches. More structure is needed for the program. Art will contact Mary and Kristen Durkee to set up the program. The Saturday Recreation League will be from grades K-5. Adult basketball uses courts on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

c. Concession Stand

A list of repairs that is needed for the concession stand was presented to the commission. (See file copy). Motion detector lights for outside and the bathrooms will be installed. Painting, wall repair, replacement of cabinets, etc will be done by the Public Works crew. Fire extinguishers need to be inspected and up to date. The person in charge of the concession stand will need to take the food service class. Next baseball meeting is November 1st. P. Henry will discuss this with the baseball league.

d. Tree Lighting

The tree lighting will be held on December 6 at 5:00pm. Rich will pick up the donuts. Testing of lights will take place before that evening. Discussion will take place at the November meeting.

e. Halloween 2010

S.Spang might have residents interested in heading up the committee for a “haunted walk” to be held on the path behind the school for Halloween 2010. More discussion will follow at a later time.

f. Press Box Update

P. Lee discussed the plans for the press box is being reviewed by Tom Gillispe for changes.

g. 10 Year Forsyth Plan

The plan is working its way through Inland/Wetlands.

h. Recreation Clerk Report

D. Weston reported the NYC bus trip went very well. A few exercise programs are in place along with the AARP Driver Safety Course and the Red Cross Babysitting Course. Winter programs will start to be worked on.

6. Old Business:

- a. Baseball** – postponed until November.
- b. Soccer-** postponed until November.
- c. Basketball** – postponed until November.
- d. Multi Purpose Path** – postponed until November.

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment:

November meeting will start at 7:00pm.

M/S/C (Cirillo/Appleby) to adjourn meeting at 9:33pm. Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Weston

Recording Secretary